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THAT I understand the Japanese and English languages and that the attached
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Patent Application No. Hei. 9-292780, the claim to the priority date of which application was
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